

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-6 and add new claims 7-26, as follows:

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

7. (new) A vacuum cleaner comprising a housing, in which a dust chamber, which is closable by a dust chamber cover, for reception of a dust separator and a fan chamber for reception of a motor-fan unit are constructed and which has a receiving chamber for accessories, which extends below at least one of the dust chamber and the fan chamber and is accessible by way of at least one opening in the housing, wherein the at least one opening is provided in a side wall of the housing.

8. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 7, wherein the at least one opening is closable by means of a closure part.

9. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 8, wherein the closure part includes a flap pivotably hinged to the side wall of the housing.

10. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 8, wherein the closure part includes a louver shutter mounted at the side wall of the housing and displaceable in the plane of the side wall.

11. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 7, wherein the receiving chamber extends from a first side wall of the housing up to a second side wall, which is opposite the first side wall of the housing.

12. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 11, wherein two openings arranged at opposite walls of the housing are provided.

13. (new) A vacuum cleaner comprising:
 - a housing having a base and a side wall extending upwardly from the base, the vacuum cleaner resting on the base during normal operation of the vacuum cleaner;
 - a dust chamber disposed within the housing and retaining a dust collector;
 - a receiving chamber disposed within the housing below the dust chamber for receiving vacuum cleaner accessories; and
 - an opening at least partially defined by the side wall and providing access to the receiving chamber during normal operation of the vacuum cleaner.
14. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 13, further comprising a fan chamber disposed within the housing and retaining a motor fan unit, the receiving chamber disposed below the fan chamber.
15. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 13, wherein the base of the housing at least partially forms the receiving chamber.
16. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 13, wherein the vacuum cleaner accessories are removable from the receiving chamber through the opening during normal operation of the vacuum cleaner.
17. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 13, wherein the housing includes a second side wall extending upwardly from the base and disposed opposite the side wall, the side wall and the second side wall both at least partially defining the receiving chamber.
18. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 17, wherein the opening extends at least partially along the side wall, across the base, and at partially along the second side wall.

19. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 17, further comprising a second opening at least partially defined by the second side wall and providing access to the receiving chamber during normal operation of the vacuum cleaner.

20. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 13, further comprising a dust chamber cover being movable between an open condition, in which access is provided to the dust chamber, and a closed condition, in which the dust chamber is closed, the dust chamber cover being in the closed condition during normal operation of the vacuum cleaner.

21. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 13, further comprising a closure part that is movable relative to the housing to open and close the opening.

22. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 21, wherein the closure part includes a flap pivotably hinged to the side wall of the housing.

23. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 21, wherein the closure part includes a louver shutter mounted at the side wall of the housing and being displaceable with respect to the housing in the plane of the side wall.

24. (new) A vacuum cleaner comprising:

- a housing having a base and first and second side walls extending upwardly from the base and disposed opposite one another, the vacuum cleaner resting on the base during normal operation of the vacuum cleaner;
- a dust chamber disposed within the housing and retaining a dust collector;
- a receiving chamber disposed within the housing below the dust chamber and extending from the first side wall to the second side wall, the receiving chamber receiving vacuum cleaner accessories to be stored within the housing;
- an opening at least partially defined by the side wall and providing access to the receiving chamber during normal operation of the vacuum cleaner; and
- a closure part that is movable relative to the housing to open and close the opening.

25. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 24, wherein the closure part includes a flap pivotably hinged to the side wall of the housing.

26. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 24, wherein the closure part includes a louver shutter mounted at the side wall of the housing and being displaceable with respect to the housing in the plane of the side wall.